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After reviewing the proposed settlement I find some glaring omissions that need to be addressed.

First of all, I propose that the settlement should be amended to included that Microsoft should be prevented from distributing any of its software for free or at well below development and distribution costs when other software companies have competing products in existence or in development that are part of the competing companies' revenue stream. This would prevent Microsoft from unfairly eliminating competition as was the case with Microsoft's free release of Internet Explorer and the negative impact this created for Netscape Incorporated.

This would also prevent the donation of software to schools and other institutions which results in an unfair advantage over other competing companies such as Apple Computer and Sun Microsystems. Companies that rely on revenue on the sale of their goods that are in direct competition with Microsoft can not compete against "free." Microsoft should not be allow to make these donations that eliminate their competition and further expand Microsoft's market share beyond their current monopoly.

Secondly, from what I understand of the current proposed settlement, Microsoft is basically told "not to do it again" and a oversight committee will be established to prevent future infractions. However, no damages have been awarded to the countless businesses and persons who were victimized by Microsoft's actions. I understand that persons who feel they have been victimized are entitled to sue and possibly recover three times damages. But what of those that have been financially ruined and have little means to file suit against such a large corporation? What of the companies that were so damaged that they are no longer in existence? Employees, former employees, and users of products developed by companies such as Apple Computer, Sun Microsystems, Word Perfect, Novell, Netscape, Silicon Graphics Incorporated, and Bungie Software, should be immediately compensated. Additionally, rebates should be provided to all registered users of Microsoft products that were forced to purchase MS products due to the elimination of the developer of the competing product (ie. Word Perfect users who were forced into switching to MS Word to maintain compatibility with both the OS and the proprietary MS Word files.)

I hope that my proposed amendments to the proposed settlement are given due consideration so that justice may be served.

Sincerely,  
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